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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION ON MTV - AMBASSADOR EBERLE MEETS WITH
OFFICIALS OF UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA (ECLA)

1. IN APRIL 21 MEETING WITH ECLA OFFICIALS, AMBASSADOR EBERLE
EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON TRADE QUESTIONS
WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND OUR ENCOURAGEMENT
THAT LA COUNTRIES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MTN. ECLA
OFFICIALS REVIEWED THE ASSISTANCE THEY ARE GIVING LA
COUNTRIES IN TRADE FIELD INCLUDING STUDIES, DATA COLLECTION,
ADVICE ON NEGOTIATION TECHNIQUES, AND TRAINING (IN THAT
PROBABLE ORDER OF IMPORTANCE). ECLA IS OBTAINING BASIC
TRADE DATA FROM LA COUNTRIES AND LAFTA UNDER UNDP FUNDED
PROGRAM WITH SUPPORT FROM GATT AND UNCTAD. ECLA NOT YET
SURE IF SECOND PHASE OF UNDP FINANCED PROGRAM, WHICH IS
MORE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA,
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WILL BE AUTHORIZED. AMBASSADOR EBERLE STRESSED

IMPORTANCE OF JOINT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN
ECLA AND US IN TRADE FIELD, AND EXPRESSED US WILLINGNESS
TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ECLA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

2. ECLA IS ATTEMPTING TO ANALYZE IMPACT ON REGION OF RECENT
ECONOMIC INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, PARTICULARLY OIL PRICE
RISE. ECLA OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED CONCERN OVER FUTURE
PRICES OF LA EXPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS, POSSIBLE
DETERIORATING TERMS OF TRADE FOR REGION AS COMMODITY
PRICES RECEDED FROM RECORD LEVELS WHILE PRICES OF
MANUFACTURED IMPORTS CONTINUED TO CLIMB, LACK OF COMMODITY
AGREEMENTS, AND CONTINUING AND STRENGTHENING OF ECONOMIC
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC AND ASSOCIATED/ASSOCIABLE STATES.
ECLA IS ESTIMATING LA PER CAPITA GNP INCREASE 1973 OVER
1972 OF 7.4 PERCENT.

3. COMMENT: WE GAINED IMPRESSION FROM DISCUSSION THAT ECLA
IS CURRENTLY PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH PRICE AND COMMODITY
PROBLEMS. ECLA STUDIES AND DATA COLLECTION UNDOUBTEDLY OF
MORE ASSISTANCE TO SMALLER LA COUNTRIES.
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